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RE: **Testimony in Support of SB24**
House Federal and State Affairs Committee

Dear Chairman Brunk and Members of the Committee:

Good Morning Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee. My name is David Contag and I am a registered Landscape Architect licensed in the State of Kansas. I currently serve on the executive committee of the Prairie Gateway Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. ASLA is an active advocate for the profession of Landscape Architecture at the local, state, and national levels on public policy involving licensure, the environment and sustainable design, livable communities, surface transportation, historic preservation, and storm-water management issues, among others. The Prairie Gateway Chapter represents over 180 licensed Landscape Architects throughout the State of Kansas and the western 1/3 of Missouri.

I am here today in support of the work that the Kansas State Board of Technical Professions has made to help bring SB24 to this Committee for discussion today. This Bill has been prepared to provide some minor clean-up language to Statute revision that was passed last year. These proposed changes will greatly help to provide clarity to the original intent and should not cause restriction of practice to any of the allied professions represented by the KSBTP. Throughout the process of creating these clarifications, the KSBTP requested and received communication from our Chapter regarding all proposed changes.

In conclusion, the Prairie Gateway Chapter of the ASLA stands in support of the work done by Kansas State Board of Technical Professions over the past three years and to ask for your support for Senate Bill 24 with no amendments. We are in agreement that the proposed changes will be beneficial to not only the profession of Landscape Architecture within the State, but also the other allied professions regulated by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

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